AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 7-8, last paragraph as follows:

FIG. 4 is a flow chart illustrating the process of creating a checkpoint in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The checkpointing process starts by stopping application 114 (step 400). This avoids problems that might arise if, for instance, a checkpoint is created while the application is in the middle of a transaction. In this case, there is no way to roll back to the beginning of the transaction or to restore to the state after the transaction is completed because the checkpoint is created while the application is an is in an inconsistent state. Next, checkpointing process 116 retrieves the recorded parameters from data 108 (step 402) and saves all checkpoint data including the recorded parameters to checkpoint 120 within secondary storage 118 (step 404). Finally, the checkpointing process resumes application 114 (step 406).

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